

THE INDEPENDENT

Seventeenth Year.

GRIMSBY, BEAMSVILLE AND SMITHVILLE, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 1802.

\$1 Per Year

Bank of Hamilton Grimsby, Ont.

Capital Paid Up \$2,000,000
Reserve Fund 1,500,000
Total Assets 19,900,942

J. TURNBULL, GEN. MANAGER,
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Current Accounts Opened.
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The Hamilton Provident Loan Society

Established 1871.

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DIRECTORS:
Hon. A. T. Wood, Pres. J. T. Glasson,
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MONEY TO LOAN AT
LOW RATES.
Persons, before borrowing elsewhere, see or
write to our valuator

HUGH H. ANDERSON, Grimsby
C. FERRIE, Treasurer.

FACTS and FANCIES

By Frank Fairborn

They say water works. It may be true, but I never saw it at it in Grimsby.

The only time the water works in Grimsby is when it is "flooding" the rinks in the winter or "filling" the cellars in the spring.

It should scarcely be contended that water works full time in Grimsby, when but few of the people works over half time.

One thing I do know however, and that is that water works the whiskey here for all its worth.

Waterworks, Waterworks
Waterworks or play,
If we must have waterworks
We'll pay, pay, PAY.

Well hain't it better to "pay" for waterworks and have em, than to "pay" for property and have nothing, but "smoke."

Mr. Ernest Spear, of Stoney Creek, intends going to the State of Maine to sort apples shortly.—Wentworth Light, Dundas.

Just so! Last Saturday would have been a good day to start the job.

Christmas Gifts.

Large and Select Stock.

Books for Everyone.

Bibles.

Hymn Books.

Prayer Books.

Cabinets of Stationery.

Fine Leather Goods.

Silver Peacils.

Penholders.

Fountain Pens.

Calendars and Cards.

And many other pleasing things.

Please call and see our stock

J. G. CLOKE

Bookseller and Stationer
10 James St. S., Hamilton.

John Bull stood this for four years and then he took council with his friend "Hans" and together they decided to call on their dear friend Castro and if they didn't get what was coming to them they could at least leave their "calling cards."

Castro, like many another man in this world, would sooner have seen anyone else than the men he owed, so he hung out the sign "not at home."

That bluff didn't go with "Hans" and "John Bull," so now Castro has his head out of an upstairs window yelling "I want to arbitrate."

How Castro got on to the "arbitration" game, is more than I know, but "on" he is and working it for all it is worth.

Castro is not only working the "arbitration" game, but he is applying it along a new line. He wants to "arbitrate" on the question of whether he will pay his debts or not.

Great Heaven! If Castro succeeds in establishing a precedent of applying "arbitration" to the payment of debts, I'll pull out of the newspaper business right away.

About a thousand people owe me, and if every one of them claimed the right to "arbitrate" on whether they should pay or not I'd be in the "asylum" or "dead" forty years before the cases were all settled. From the "arbitration" stand good Lord deliver us.

O Castro! O Castro!
You must be full of gaster,
I warn you won't be in it
For a little short-lived minute;
For you haven't got the sand to last.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 9.—A very unusual and interesting condition of affairs has arisen in Galt, one probably without precedent. Early in the year the Town Council passed a by-law prohibiting dogs being allowed to run at large.

A wave of popular antislavery was raised among dog-owners against the measure, and several hundred dollars were subscribed to test the validity of the by-law should the council enforce it.

The by-law has not been repealed, and last night a meeting of dog-owners was held, those present representing what is known as the "Dog-owners League," which has a membership of four hundred, including many influential men of the town.

Dear me! Is not that terrible.

Dog-owners can make fools of themselves as well as anybody else.

What right have dogs to run at large, anywhere than pigs or cows or bulls or sheep?

Dogs are an infernal nuisance running at large in a town. They scratch up lawns, break down flowers, foul goods in front of stores, scare children and horses, fight and howl and otherwise make condemned idiots of themselves, and serve no useful or ornamental purpose.

A dog's place is at home. He should be there like a sentry on duty, or as a companion.

If he is taken on the public street, he should be under the direct control of his owner, the same as a horse.

I'm glad to see that the Council of Galt has some sense, and I'm sorry to see that many of its influential citizens are making complete asses of themselves.

On New Year's Day The Toronto Evening News will become a morning paper, under the ownership of J. W. Flavelle and editorship of Mr. Willison, late editor of the Globe.

The Morning News is to be an absolutely "independent" paper, the mouth-piece of no party, the organ of no corporate interest.

Mr. Willison in assuming this role will be acting directly opposite to what he has been doing in the past. His future course will be watched with interest.

On Thursday last a break occurred in the consolidated Lake Superior stock and in one day values depreciated over twelve million dollars.

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11, 13 and 15 King Street East,
Hamilton, Ont.

Christmas Furs

A well selected stock of Stylish Furs at prices that make gift giving possible. All thoroughly reliable.

Sheep neck ruff, finished with a tail and steel clasp, specially good value, for \$1.25

Sheep selected noble ruff, 10 tails and steel clasp \$1.50

Black Astrachan capeskin, high storm collar, set in lined, price only \$1.25

Black astrachan ruff and storm collar, special only \$1.50

Astrachan capeskin, trimmed with electric seal and 10 tails, high collar, satin hood, specially good value, only \$1.50

10 tails, high collar, satin hood, specially good value, only \$1.50

Christmas Gloves For Women.

Others besides our guaranteed dollar glove. Of course, we always recommend the Alexander glove first. They've made our glove department famous. But we have wool gloves and cashmere gloves and fine kid gloves and black mohair gloves. In fact every kind for cold weather, and just the styles you would select for gifts.

Cashmere gloves, in black, white, red, brown and gray, with soft and white stitching, with or without buttons. \$1.25

Others with silk lining, \$1.25 pair

Fancy plaid or striped ringwood gloves, in navy, brown, black or white mixture, \$1.25 pair

Ringwood gloves, in tan, lined throughout with fine silk lining, \$1.25 pair

Wool ringwood gloves, in red, navy, black and white, \$1.25

Alexander kid gloves, in all shades quality guaranteed, all one price, \$1.25

Knock gloves or mittens, tan only, \$1.25 pair

Mohair gloves, in tan, with fine silk lining, \$1.25 pair

Knock gloves, in tan, lined throughout with grey rabbit fur, very warm, \$1.25 pair

Musical Instruments.

We carry a first-class stock of Musical Instruments, with decidedly low prices throughout. Why not take this as a suggestion for a Christmas gift for some friend or member of your family? A new instrument chosen from a carefully selected stock would surely give pleasure.

An item or two—for an idea of the prices—

Autoharp.

Autoharp are very popular just now. Easy to learn to play; a book of instructions, simply told, goes with each instrument, and also a fine wooden box to keep the instrument in.

23 strings, 4 bars, \$1.25

23 strings, 5 bars, \$1.25

23 strings, 6 bars, \$1.25

Extra large autoharp for professional use, 26 strings, 6 bars, \$1.25

Violin.

Some very fine instruments, complete each violin in a nice box, with bow, box of rosin, and set of extra strings.

Dark brown wood violin, imitation old finish, good tone, \$1.25

Conservatory red brown violin, foil ebony trimmings, a very fine instrument, price with ebony finished violin case, \$1.25

Fancy violin, very fine quality, ebony only finished, with pearl and wood of different colors, very handsome complete with box and violin case, \$1.25

Violin Boxes.

Black wood with neat box, bow and handles, price with box and key, \$1.25

Mandolins.

Mahogany and maple ribbed cases, rosewood finger board, cardboard case, price

Concertinas.

But German concertinas, 20 keys, fancy bellows, price according to size, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Others with German silver keys, rosewood box case, \$1.25

KING STUB PROOF RUBBERS.

Insure your life and your comfort in this way.—The minute you buy a pair of King Stub Proof rubbers, your life is insured for \$100.

These rubbers are made of best woven fabric, "Rope Duck," and last. Para Gauze rubber, which makes them to wear like iron. Every pair guaranteed against cracking or breaking.

They can be had in 1 and 2 buckle, and broad, and ranging in price from 1.75 to

25. Try a pair.

Send "All wool set," \$1.25, 75 and 50 a pair

STANLEY MILLS & CO.

Your Fall Hat Is Now Ready For You

Every New Shape

Every Good Make

Special Value \$2.00, & \$2.50

We Give Merchants Exchange Tickets.

E. D. ROSS,

Hats and Men's
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Cos. James and Robert St.,
Opposite Osborne Hotel HAMILTON

Why Not Have The Best

If you must have a piano or organ! The following well known names represent the cream of the piano trade:

CHICKERING, Boston, U.S.A.

BELL, Guelph, Canada.

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The "BELL" organ is in a class by itself. It has many competitors, but no equal for tone, finish and durability, while its patrons are found in every corner of the earth. A complete stock of the above instruments is carried in elegant cases in every variety of wood. In addition to these famous makers are offered for your inspection the Palmer piano, the Urquhart piano and the Urquhart organ.

Our Representative for the Niagara Peninsula, Hamilton and surrounding district.

J. FASKIN McDONALD, Wareroom: 54 James St. N. HAMILTON.

D R. R. A. ALEXANDER, Physician and Surgeon. Residence and office first house south of Presbyterian church Main street west, Grimsby. Hours, 8 to 10 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m. Telephone No. 1.

MONEY TO LOAN.
MONEY TO LOAN ON MORTGAGES,
Mortgage Apply J. W. JEDDIE, Court
House, Hamilton.

Grimsby, Dec. 17.

—Wanted—A smart boy about 10 years old to learn the newspaper business. Apply at THE INDEPENDENT Office.

—For Sale—8 or 9 foot cedar posts from 12 to 20 cents. Apply to F. Freeman, North of Railway bridge, on Main St., Grimsby.

—Miss Gertrude Fawell, of Cayuga, is the guest of Mrs. Sofley at "Tacktawie."

—Ed. Lawrence, who has been ill for sometimes is very much improved. He is able to come down town now.

—Wanted—A first class man by the year, good wages to suitable man. A. Jowson, Grimsby.

—He should dress to please others. Who are the others? Men? Guess again. Our New Winter Suits and overcoats will find favor in her eyes—in fact she will favor your suit if you buy your suit from Farrar, Clothier, Market Square. We give exchange tickets.

—Mrs. W. F. Gibson will be at home to her friends on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 20th.

—Holly, Plants, Cut Flowers and green for Xmas decoration at A. E. Cole, 1 mile east of village. Phone 50 B.

—Cedar posts for sale. It will be to your interest to see me before you buy elsewhere. Apply to R. J. Soestinger, Outario St., Grimsby.

—For Sale—Fresh milk cow, second call. Apply to Jas. M. Dorham, North Grimsby.

—Wanted—A good man by this year, highest wages, first class house on farm; also straw and oats wanted. Apply to C. J. McKinnon & Sons.

—The Methodist Sunday School will hold their Annual Christmas Entertainment in the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st. The programme, which will commence at 8 o'clock will consist of choirs, recitations, dialogues and tableau. The gifts from the Christmas tree will be distributed at the close of the programme. Admission 10 cents.

—Celery for sale, in large or small quantities from 20 to 50¢ a doz. Apply to R. J. Halle, 1 mile east of Village.

—Miss. Yulene (Mrs. Harrison) is to sing at Dunnville on New Year's night. They have a fine new Opera House there owned by the town. Dunnville is Mrs. Harrison's birth place and according to the local papers they are very proud of her and the seats are already selling rapidly.

—Next Sunday the Rev. John Muir will preach in the morning on "The Child Christ," and in the evening on "The Law of Christian Justice or Doing as you would be done by."

—There will be a hockey meeting at the Lincoln House on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

—Buy your furs at Hawke's this week. Set of samples bought yesterday, they offer \$5.00 net for \$5.75.

—Farmers, who have old rail fences should not lose the present opportunity to exchange them for a good new wire fence. I can furnish you with the best wire fence on earth and besides you will be surprised at the grand offer I can give you to exchange for your old rails. This offer will only remain good while the price of coal and wood keeps up. Special inducements given on orders taken before the first of the new year. Apply to W. F. Randall, agent., Strathy Hinge Stay wire fence.

—Don't forget the Grimsby Bazaar with its bounties of toys, fancy work, novelties, picture books, gift books, sleds, dainty gifts for old and young, good value, all new and up-to-date. Orders taken for sat flowers. School books and stationery always on hand. The Bazaar, A. Torrey.

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—Mr. and Mrs. Flory spent last week, visiting at Uxbridge, Ont.

—Mr. Richard Nelles, formerly of Grimsby, has resigned his position with the American Express Co. in New York City and has accepted a position with a large paint house in Detroit. He was on his way from New York to Detroit last week and stopped over and spent Friday in Grimsby.

—Dr. Woolverton returned from a trip to Washington and New York on Saturday last.

—For Sale—30 tons of first class hay. Will deliver to purchaser or will sell at the barn. About ten tons is clover hay. Jim Howell, on thirty road.

—Messrs. Charles, Louis and Joseph Upper returned from Edmonton on Thursday last. They have been in the West all summer, handling steam shovels.

—Mrs. C. H. Mills, of Berlin, returned to her home last week, after spending a week with friends in Grimsby.

—R. R. Smith, of Winona, got judgment last week against the H. G. & B. for \$150.00, for a horse killed by his electric car.

—Mrs. Secor, Mrs. Davis, Miss Annie Koch, Miss Ethel Nelson, Miss Annie Blank and Miss Annie Gallagher were up from St. Catharines last week to express their sympathy to the friends of Mr. Harry M. Brendy, Miss Annie Gallagher was also a friend of Miss Maud Hughes. Professor Boyes will not visit Grimsby next week, as it is holiday week, but will be here again on Dec. 31st. After the new year he will visit Grimsby on Thursdays. His first lesson in the new year will be on Thursday, Jan. 8th.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Tufford, of Hamilton, were in Grimsby all last week, owing to the death of Mrs. Tufford's sister, Miss Hughes.

—The High School Concert

Friday evening the 19th, the school will meet a bumper house and the house will hear a fine programme from Harold Jarvis, the great tenor, Edna Irene Blodget, elocutionist, and the school. Besides the other talent the school have some good spicy things. There are still a few good seats which may be reserved at 35 cents. The plan at Miller's. Concert at 8 p.m. Cars both ways after concert.

A limited number of elevated seats will be arranged in the recess behind the main hall which will be sold at 25 cents at the door.

Entertainment at Fifty Church.

The Sunday School of the Methodist Church, Winona, will hold its annual entertainment in the Fifty Church, on Monday evening, Dec. 22nd. Howard's Orchestra of Hamilton, assisted by Miss Edwards, elocutionist, and the school will provide the programme. Doors open at 7, concert 8. Admission 20 cents.

Kelson—Keep.

The marriage of Mr. H. C. Kelson, of Grimsby, and Miss Susan B. Keep, of Wantage, Eng., and sister, of Mr. J. Palmer Keep, of Hamilton, Ont., and Mr. Nigel Keep, of Medina, Cal., took place in All Saints Church, Hamilton on Monday, Dec. 14th, 1902. Rev. Cannon performed the ceremony and it was witnessed by a few immediate friends. The bride is well known to many Grimsby people and her return from England to live once more at Grimsby, will be welcomed by many.

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—Corwin—At her residence on

Orange Grove Ave., Riverside, Cal.,

Dec. 6th, 1902, Miss Jane Corwin in

her 81st year. Funeral took place on

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7th.

The Near Approach of Xmas.

With the very near approach of Christmas, and all the attendant festivities it is a source of great anxiety to make very little go a long way. The selection of something useful as a present should always be the rule with the student of economy, nothing you can give will be more appreciated by the receiver, than an article to wear, it is sure to come in useful sometime. Now what could be better than to give father, brother or sweetheart, a good overcoat, a suit of clothes, a set of underwear, a pair of trousers, a pair of gloves, a pair of silk suspenders, a rain coat, a nice umbrella, one dozen linen collars, an article of neck wear, a night robe, or even a pair of socks would be useful, and consequently would be appreciated. Grafton & Co. are making a special showing of all the above lines, and are selling them at prices that can be reached by the slenderest pocket book. Then for the boys such articles of wearing apparel as raglan overcoats for \$3.00; or reavers for 1.95 or a suit from 1.95 up. These are all useful presents and would be more appreciated than some useless article so commonly given by fond parents. Grafton & Co., advise strongly the giving of some article of clothing and advise you to buy it from Grafton & Co. Opp City Hall, 20, 22 & 24 James St. North

Masonic Service.

Union Lodge, No. 7 A.F. and A.M. Grimsby, accompanied by Brethren from Beamsville and Stoney Creek will attend divine service in the church of England on Sunday afternoon, Dec 21st at 2.30. The public are cordially invited to attend. Worshipful Brother the Rev. Wm. de la Rose lately from Trinidad will preach.

The Freemasons of Grimsby have got new light. We do not mean that they have been removing the ancient landmarks which, they say, date back to King Solomon, but they have fitted up their Lodge rooms with beautiful electric light fixtures. They now ought to go like lightning.

A meeting of Sympathy.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall, on Monday morning of last week for the purpose of dividing means for assisting J. A. Hewitt to rebuild his Planing Mill. Mr. W. Forbes acted as Chairman and W. B. VanDyke as Secretary. On account of the dreadful accident which had occurred the night before, the meeting was not, very largely attended. It was the unanimous opinion, however, of those present that the Village should assist Mr. Hewitt in rebuilding, and a resolution of sympathy was passed and ordered to be sent to him.

Another resolution was also passed, expressing the sorrow of the meeting at the fearful calamity that had visited the homes of some of our citizens, and ordered the Secretary to extend the sympathy of the meeting to the bereaved families.

The Proposition.

Is to provide place to please persons preferring to patronize a hotel where prohibition is practiced instead of preached. A hundred houses with a spare bed or two will not satisfy this commercial and social world. There must be a free mingling to do business. Come on now, you people in the majority. We have waited long for nothing, let us labor for something substantial. Ah, but you say, Blair is after what he has lost in the cause. That's not merciful, nor is it just, for I am in earnest in an attempt to interest you and get practical proof and profit for prohibitionists and for myself. If I can save money and help you to save lives and perhaps souls, why do you hesitate to join in. From

only a cold monied standpoint one weak fellow might lose all, while a strong company would be successful.

Come on now good people, let us do nice pure business and have a lot of fun with nothing stronger than Laces wine to entertain, I will guarantee

many a laughable story and music

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Grimsby, Dec. 15th, 1902.

J. R. Broady.

Married.

Kelson—Kerr—At All Saints Church, Hamilton, on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1902, by the Rev. Cannon Forster, Hugh C. Kelson, of Grimsby, to Susan B. Keep, of

Wantage, England.

Died.

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J. R. Broady.

THE CENTRAL STORE

Grimsby's Favorite Shopping Place.

Don't Put Off Till Next Week

The Holiday buying you should do Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Thoughtful people give useful presents. Can you think of anything that would be more suitable for Christmas gifts than these lines.

Dress Lengths \$2.00 to \$10.00

Blouson Lengths \$1.25 to \$2.00

Taffeta Silk waists \$4.00 to \$7.00

Ladies' Fur Coats \$25.00 to \$35.00

Ladies' Fur Capes and Ruffs \$2.00 to \$25.00

Ladies' Fur Gowns \$3.50 to \$4.00

Ladies' Ruffled Coats \$4.00 to \$5.00

Ladies' Garment Kid Gloves \$1.00 to \$1.50

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, embroidered, lace Edge 10c to 75c

Ladies' Holiday Umbrellas Novelty Handles of pearl with Sterling, Gold, Wood Combinations \$2.00 to \$5.00

Christmas Linens, everything desirable.

Christmas Floor Rugs, Axminster, Velvet and Tapestry, \$1.50 to \$2.00

For Men In our Furnishing Dept.—Ties, Braces, Mufflers, Shirts, Umbrellas, Hosiery, Gloves.

Holiday Fruits in the Grocery Dept.

The Proper Place to Purchase Your Raisins, Figs, Currants, Peels, Dates, Oranges, Nuts, Candies, and Table Raisins.

Best Lemon Orange Peel, 15c lb.

New figs, 4 lbs for 25c.

Oranges next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1c each.

2 lbs mixed candy, 1c per lb.

Table knives and forks, \$2.75 to \$4.00.

Carving sets, 75c to \$2.50.

Pocket knives, 10c to \$1.25.

Hockey sticks, 75c to \$2.00.

See our China, Dinner Ware and Fancy Pieces.

CALENDARS 1903.

A. F. Hawke

Mr. Foreman Gets a Ring.

Mr. Arthur E. Foreman, of Hamilton, son of Rev. R. J. Foreman, of this town, who has been for the last ten years in the Carpet Department with T. C. Watkins, of the Right House, has removed to Toronto to become assistant Manager in the Carpet Department of the Robert Simpson Co., establishment on Yonge Street.

Before leaving, a number of his friends from the Right House met at his home and presented him with a very costly and beautiful gold ring as a mark of their esteem and good will.

About two years ago, on the occasion of his marriage, the same parties presented him with a very handsome and expensive dinner set.

Village Council.

The Village Council held its regular December meeting on Monday evening Dec. 15th.

Reeve Wm. in the chair, Councillors Mitchell and Cole present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The G. T. R. wrote stating that

Ingersoll & Kingston.
Borrowers, Solicitors, Etc.
Money to loan at lowest rates on real estate
St. CATHARINES.
SEARCH OFFICE:
BEAMSVILLE, over Post Office, every
Monday.
Niagara, Thursdays.

**The Sovereign Bank
Of Canada.**

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$2,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,200,000
Fully Subscribed at 25% premium.
Extracts from Government Returns:
May 31, '02 Oct 31, '02

Capital, Paid-up \$ 740,711 \$ 1,173,478
Reserve Fund 110,000 210,000
Deposits 226,947 1,681,726
Assets 1,150,558 2,885,208

St. Catharines Branch.

No. 3 JAMES STREET.

Current Accounts opened,
Notes discounted.
Money Orders and Drafts bought and sold.
Advances made to Farmers on their own
notes.

Prompt attention given to Collection of
all Notes.

Saving Bank Department:
Deposits of \$1 and upwards received.
Interest at 3 per cent per annum allowed from
date of deposit, and compounded half-yearly.
DEPOSIT RECEIPTS issued.

Open Saturday Evenings from 7 to 8

D. B. CROMBIE, Manager.

Beamsville, Dec. 17.

Mrs. D. B. Poole has fully recovered
after her recent illness.

Messrs. J. Jennings and D. Campbell, of
Toronto, were guests at "Inverglen" over
Sunday.

Miss Scott, of Arnprior, is home for the
holidays.

Miss Jean Gibson has returned from a
pleasant visit in Toronto.

The town is rather quiet again since the
departure of the model students. Inspector
Ireland and Principal Talbot having
completed the series of examinations on
Friday.

Miss Eva Smith, of Jordan, was visiting
friends in town last week.

A number of the citizens attended the
funeral in Grimsby on Thursday.

Mr. R. Constable, of Thorold, has
returned to town, to resume work in the
Quarry.

Miss Astle and Master Lotine, of St.
David's, who have been the guests of Mrs.
Wm. Astle have returned home.

Mrs. A. L. Gouze, who has had a severe
attack of influenza is recovering.

Mr. C. E. Hall has secured the services
of Miss Bertha Vinshaw for the Xmas
season.

The children of the Presbyterian Sun-
day School are busy practising for the
Annual Xmas tree. As the vocal part is
under the leadership of Mr. H. Forsythe
it is sure to be a brilliant success.

Miss Myrtle Cook, of Grimsby, is the
guest of her friend, Miss Bella Wood.

Miss Leonore and Norman Wright have
returned from a visit at Burlington Beach.

Rev. S. M. Jones, intends continuing his
school after Xmas as he has a splendid
class in training.

Some of our young men paid Grimsby
a flying visit on Sunday night.

Mr. Floyd Nelles was visiting at the
Cross House on Sunday.

Mr. Duncan Mayor has returned from a
business trip to Chicago.

Very fitting references were made in
the different churches on Sunday last, in
memory of the sad bereavement which
befell Grimsby on the Sunday night
previous.

Beamsville Express Sold.

The Beamsville Express was offered for
public sale on Friday of last week, but
was held by the reserved bid, which was
made up of claims by Mr. Higgins
and Mr. Hywater. It was reported
later Mr. Higgins had closed
a deal with Mr. Hywater for the paper.

This is Our Own Norman.
From Kingston Daily British Whig, Dec. 14.

The evening programme of the Con-
cert in Cooke's Church, Kingston, Dec.
2nd was a specially strong one. But
of many there who were good, the
entertainer of the evening was Norman
G. McIntyre, of Beamsville, a member
of Queen's Dramatic Club, who was
well received. Mr. McIntyre very
quickly gained the favor of his audi-
ence, and showed most decided dram-
atic ability.

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We carry everything the farmer needs for
winter. Forks, Shovels, Chains, Hammers,
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Fixing up for the Winter.

You'll want your stoves set up and your stove pipes over-hauled.
I'll do the work and save you time and trouble.

I've got a splendid second hand coal cook stove for sale cheap.

I have a few New Air Tights just in—will run off from \$5 to \$10.

All kinds of Tinware, graniteware, stoves, etc.

Repairs for any stove got promptly.

Best Engine Gasoline, the only right article for gasoline engines
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Time to see about your new over-
coat. That's what the weatherman
says and he's an authority who must
be respected. You rely on us to sell
you the best possible for your money
and we do. Don't misjudge our little
prices. These are equal to those
sold in the high rent stores at half as
much again and we ourselves have
sold them for more. Grosvenors made
up in every desirable fabric with good
trimmings, \$7.00, Grosvenors, a special
line at \$10.00.

Fayor, Clothier,
8 Market Square.

Looking After the Drainage.

Alderman W. J. Reid has been busy
during the past week arranging for the
disposal of the water on King Street, and
which will come down the hill along side
of the new tramway. He has put in
sewer pipe down Ontario Street as far as
Reeve Carr's house, and will convey all
the water off King Street in that direction.

The sewer pipe will be covered over so
that it will give increased width to road
and at the same time do effective work as
a drain.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

My Planing Mill has been destroyed by
fire, but I am pleased to be able to say
that a large amount of lumber, shingles,
lath, sash doors, etc., was saved, and I
shall be pleased to have all my old cus-
tomers and as many new ones as will
favor me with their patronage. Call on
me and I will supply your wants to the
best of my ability. I shall be pleased to
receive any contracts for new building
and carpenter work.

Joe A. Hewitt,
Telephone 28 opp Town Hall,

High Tariff Vs. Low Tariff.

The great question before Canadians
to-day is the tariff. From one end to
the other of this broad Dominion the
question of a high or low tariff is being
discussed. Honest discussion is what
the people of Canada want. It will be
interesting to know that the Family
Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal
has opened its columns for a full and
free discussion of this important
question. The leaders of both political

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Christmas Shopping

One Saturday—only four shopping days—remain to
complete your Christmas shopping. Shop in safe stores—
it is so embarrassing to give a present that falls short of one's
intentions. This big store is perfectly safe for the more-or-
less hurried holiday shopping. We not only promise to make
things right but have made sure that things are right. Shop
as soon as you can, and in the morning, if possible. Every
department has its best offerings to the front and the choice
offered you is the best that can be had in the Niagara district.

This store will be open evenings:
Saturday, Dec. 20th, 10 o'clock p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 21st, 10 o'clock p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, 10 o'clock p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 24th, 10 o'clock p.m.

Bargains in Men's Boots, For Saturday.

This is a very opportune offering for men to save 50c and 75c on
the regular price of felt and long boots. These are good boots for winter
wear. The descriptions and prices speak for themselves. They
will be on sale Saturday in the Shoe Department.

Men's Felt Boots; Boston calf; 4 buckles; felt lined to toe; \$1.25
felt tops; all sizes; reg price \$1.75; Saturday
Men's Felt Boot; oil grain leather, felt lined to the toe
and felt tops; all sizes; reg \$2.00; Saturday
Men's Long Boots; solid leather pegged soles; all new
goods; all sizes; reg \$2.25; Saturday

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Novelty Goods.

Ebony Goods.

Real ebony hair brushes, direct from
Dupont, the maker, France.
Best French Brushes; \$1.25 to \$2.;
with sterling silver mountings \$1.50
to \$2.25.

Real ebony clothes brushes, \$1.25.

\$1.50; with sterling silver mount-
ings, \$1.50 and \$2.25.

Real ebony hat brushes, 75c; with
mountings \$1.; handled hat brushes,
60c.

Real ebony military brushes, pair,
\$2.25 to \$3.; with sterling silver
mountings, \$2.75 to \$3.50.

Real ebony hand mirror, with beat
bevel plate glass; \$1.25 to \$1.75.

Gold plated photo frames, 65c to \$1.50.

Mirrors \$1.25 to \$1.75; paper
weights in onyx and stand, \$1. to
\$1.50; ink stands, \$1. to \$3.; Can-
lamb, \$1. to \$3.; handled hat brushes,
\$1.25 to \$1.50.

Smoker's metal sets, \$1.25 to \$2.;
metal match and tooth-pick holders,
35c to 75c; metal canabras, from
35c to 75c.

Mirrors with oxidized frames, \$1 to \$2.

Bevel glass mirrors on easels \$1. each.

Hand mirrors, 10c to 25c.

Lamps.

Reception lamps, \$1 up to \$17.50.
Hanging lamps, with canopy springs,
very best brass material, made by
the famous Bradley & Hubbard
Manufacturing Co., of New York.
\$4. 55 and \$7.50.

Dinner Sets.

98 piece dinner sets \$3.95 to \$12.

Silks.

20 inch Japan taffeta, Lyons' dye and
finish, 30 shades, 25c yard

27 inch Japan taffeta, full variety of
colors, 50c yard.

21 inch Geisha silk, 15 shades, 50c
yard.

20 inch French taffeta, latest shades for
waists, 75c yard.

Black Mole silk, \$1. \$1.25, \$1.50.

Cream Mole silk, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Black Taffeta.

20 inch black taffeta, 50c; 22 inch, 65c
23 inch, 75c; 26 inch, \$1.

Peau De Soi.

20 inch black Peau De Soi, 75c; 22
inch, \$1.; 23 inch, \$1.25; 23 inch,
\$1.50.

A large range of ladies' silk patterns in
lengths of 3 1/2 yards, each at \$1.

1.25, 1.50, 2, and \$2.50 yard.

Gloves.

Perrin's "Lassalle," in black, white, tan
brown, gray, navy, natural beavers;
a clasp; gusset fingers; embroidered
backs in black, white and self, \$1.

Perrin's "Marchioness" French kid, in
black, white, tan, brown, gray, navy,
beavers, a clasp, gusset fingers, em-
broidered backs, in black, white and
self, \$1.25.

"Lucille," in black only, Perrin's best
French kid, a clasp, embroidered
back in white and self, \$1.50.

Wentzinger's peerless, French kid,
brown, navy, oxford, black, pique
sewn, 2 fasteners, Paris point, \$1.25.

Wentzinger's "majestic" in black, white
beavers, browns, grays, tucks, pique
sewn, gusset fingers, Paris point, a
surety fasteners, \$1.50.

Trefousse Beatrice French Suede
gloves in gray, beavers, black, 3
claps, embroidered in black, white
self, \$1.25.

Trefousse Foster Lacing in black only
\$1.25.

Washing kid gloves in pearl gray only,
2 pearl claps, \$1.50.

French Suede Gloves in black and
gray, pique seam, 2 pearl claps,
\$1.50.

Perrin's silk lined Mocha, in black and
gray, a clasp pique seam, \$1.50.

Mocha gloves in brown and gray, 2
claps, pique seam, \$1.50.

Mocha gloves in brown, fawn and
gray, a clasp, pique seam, \$1.25.

Evening Suede Gloves, elbow length
black, \$2.; \$1.75.

Centre Tables.

Parlor, solid oak, 4x4x1 inch top, fancy
turned legs, brass claw feet, \$2.50.

Parlor; quarter cut oak and birch
mahogany; clover leaf design; under
shelf, \$3.50.

Parlor; chippendale design; quarter
cut oak; top 24x24; under bracket,
neatly designed, \$4.50.

Mahogany; colonial style; highly
polished, correct drawing room table
\$8.

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Facts and Fancies.

(Continued from page 1.)

On the day following, the stock declined still further, until the depreciation in the two days amounted to over twenty millions dollars.

This fearful drop was caused by the shutting down of the Clergue Steel Rail Mills at Sault Ste. Marie.

These mills were built for the purpose of converting our Canadian ores into steel rails, and have succeeded in securing orders enough to keep them running up to the present time.

All the orders were filled, however, and the mills had to be shut down last week.

This was caused by the slaughter prices of German steel rails, which are allowed to come into Canada "free of duty."

There is a "screw loose" somewhere. Railways are busied to run to iron mines. Bounties are offered to Steel Rail Mills to work up the iron ore, and then the whole scheme is allowed to be knocked down to the extent of over twenty million, by letting another country send in steel rails at slaughter prices "free of duty."

Tarie drew attention to this matter several months ago, but his "warning" was allowed to go unnoticed. Now of course the "barn door" will be locked after the "horse" has been stolen.

Canada is getting too big for one-horse politicians.

It is easy to prove that the gun isn't loaded immediately after the accident.—Montreal Star.

Quite so! But by that time the victim is generally past being courtesed.

It is hard for the man who is flat on his back to face the world.—Exchange.

That's so! But he can follow the instruction to "look upwards."

Dundas has the unique, if unenviable, distinction of being one of the few places in which the prohibitionists did not get a majority.—Dundas Banner.

That's nothing extraordinary, after reading the three Dundas papers each week, the people of Dundas feel so dry that they must "drink" or bust.

And that's not all. There's a lot of people in Dundas who don't know that there was a vote on prohibition. In about a month or so they will hear about it and be sorry that they lost their vote.

At a meeting of the Conservatives, of St. Catharines, held on Friday night last, W. B. Burgoine was nominated as a candidate for the mayoralty for 1903.

Now Billy not buy be careful. You know what they said about you last year.

You don't want to drink, dance, smoke, chew, spit, swear, tell lies, treat or wink at the girls for the next three weeks, or your goose is cooked again.

If a man gets the name of being "good" he's got to be "good" and if he makes the least "break" he's a gone-snake.

But a "bad" man like Charley Wilson can "cut loose" in all directions and nobody thinks anything about it. In fact, people expect him to be bad, and if he ain't they think he's sick.

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4th.—That in future no expense re McKinnon prizes be paid by this council—Report of Education Committee at County Council.

There's a good thing! The council has got tired footing the bill for the McKinnon prizes.

Here's a nice little item in the committee's report:

W. W. Ireland	McKinnon prizes, \$28.70
A. J. Painter	" " 5.40
W. Jamieson	" " 2.30
A. N. Meyer	" " 6.40
A. N. Zimmerman	" " 4.80
J. A. Dale	" " 7.80

55.30

That's the way the money goes, pop goes the weasel, but the county won't pay the bill anymore.

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The Toronto World gives the most accurate market reports of any paper. The fruit market, cattle market, and produce market are all covered by a reporter who spent years of his life on a farm near Markham, and he understands thoroughly how important it is to get correct market prices for readers throughout the country.

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W. F. Maclean, M.P., Managing Editor of the World, has a newspaper with over 28,000 regular subscribers, which is the largest exclusive morning circulation of any paper published in Canada.

The World has been aptly named "Canada's Brightest Newspaper." It has nearly 1,500 daily subscribers in Hamilton.

In sending money through the mail postal notes should be used. They are the safest and best mail currency, and any profit made in the post office department goes directly back to the people.

A Paper for Boys.

"East and West. A Paper for Young Canadians" is the attractive title of a handsome, eight page illustrated weekly, issued from the Publication Offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Toronto. It well deserves success. Its literary standard is high, and the printers have spared no pains to make it a credit mechanically. The opening continued story is by J. Macdonald Oxley, illustrated by J. E. Laughlin, both of them Canadians and each well known in his own special field. A story by Ralph Connor is promised in an early number. Indeed, the whole atmosphere of the paper is wholesomely Canadian and we should expect that East and West will meet a warm welcome outside as well as within the Presbyterian Church. Rev. R. Douglas Fraser and Rev. J. M. Duncan are the editors.

Clubbing Rates.

Nearly every person wants to take an outside paper as well as their own local paper. In order that the readers of THE INDEPENDENT may have a little money on their outside subscription, THE INDEPENDENT has made arrangements by which it can give all the best papers of Canada at a reduction when clubbing with THE INDEPENDENT for instance, you can get THE INDEPENDENT and the Toronto Globe for \$1.60, THE INDEPENDENT and the Mail for \$1.70, THE INDEPENDENT and the Herald and Weekly Star for \$1.75, THE INDEPENDENT and the Hamilton Spectator or Times at \$1.75, and THE INDEPENDENT and the Farmers Advocate at \$1.75, and THE INDEPENDENT and the Farm & Home at \$1.15, THE INDEPENDENT and the Canadian Post-Review \$1.15. Other papers at a similar low rate when ordered with THE INDEPENDENT.

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SMITHVILLE

Special Session County Council

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Lincoln, met in session by order of the Warden at the Court House in the City of St. Catharines, on Saturday the 13th day of December A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock a.m. to take into consideration a by-law respecting a proposed electric railway along the Queenston and Grimsby Road in the Townships of Grantham and Niagara, and for other purposes.

Present.—The Warden in the Chair, and Messrs. Greene, Clarke, Dalrymple, Crowe and Zimmerman.

The Notice calling the Meeting was read by Clerk.

A Petition from H. L. Christy and others re proposed electric railway was read.

A letter from Secretary of Collegiate Institute Board was read.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Crowe gives notice that he will this afternoon introduce a by-law to amend by-law No. 425, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the Communication from the Collegiate Institute just read be referred to the Committee on Education. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Clarke, that this Council go into Committee of the whole to discuss a proposed by-law for this Council to the contrary notwithstanding. Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole with Mr. Crowe in the Chair.

The Council resumed at 3:25 o'clock p.m.

The Warden in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the proposed by-law re electric rail road over the Queenston and Grimsby Road as amended to now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the by-law just read, be now read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to amend by-law No. 425, entitled a by-law respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, and that the same be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the by-law respecting the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, just read, be now read a second and third time and do pass, the Warden and Clerk sign and seal the same and its title be as in the motion. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Greene, that this Council do now adjourn. Carried.

Council Chamber, Dec. 13th, 1902.

JOHN CLARKE
County Clerk.

VINEMOUNT.

John D. Newburgh, the enterprising poultry breeder, of this place is building a fine chicken coop and expects soon to be able to supply his many customers with stock and eggs from his place. At the recent post election in Hamilton he was first and second on his Union candidate. Newburgh does well in his present position.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harry visited Newburgh a week ago from

Mrs. Parks and Manery are turning out a good quality of butter at the Creamery.

In Hamilton a short time ago a young man from this place was seen with a fine Sebright Cockerel on one arm and his young lady in the other. On arriving at the H. G. & B. Station however, Mr. Orr took charge of the former and—well you can guess the rest.

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KIMBO

We have to report the death of one of our most esteemed citizens in this vicinity, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, who passed away on Dec. 12th, in her 73rd year. For the last few years she has been in poor health.

Her husband, Johnson Miller died several years ago. She was a good wife and a loving mother. She leaves two daughters and two sons, Emma Miller, who cared for her until the last, Mrs. Isaac Zimmerman, of Hamilton, and her eldest sons, Isaac Miller, and Daniel Miller, of California. The funeral services were held at her home by Rev. F. D. Roxboro, and the interment was at the old Mennonite Cemetery, east of Beamsville, besides her husband, on Monday the 15th.

Rev. D. Allen attended the Quarterly services on Sunday, the 14th at Attleecliffe.

PAID UP.

Subscription to The Independent will be acknowledged in this column as soon as they are received and entered up in the books. Parties who remit us and do not see the amount acknowledged here should drop us a card. No receipt will be sent except by special request.

NAME
Sam Jones, Jordan, Aug. 20, '01
John Pearson, Abingdon Dec. 31, '02
W. F. Geddes, Winona, Dec. 31, '02
Isaac C. Nelson, Fulton, Dec. 31, '02
John Cole, Grimsby, Dec. 31, '02
J. W. G. Clarke, Dec. 31, '02
Amos Fisher, Grimsby, Dec. 31, '02
Wm. A. Nelson, Fulton, Dec. 31, '02
Jas. Mackie, Grimsby Centre, Dec. 31, '02

A. Freshwater, Grimsby, Dec. 31, '02
H. Miller, Sr., Stoney Creek, Feb. 15, '03
Chas. Upper, Grimsby, Dec. 31, '02
J. H. Terryberry, Beamsville, Mar. 6, '03
W. B. Rittenhouse, Beamsville, Mar. 31, '03
W. W. Camp, Smithville, Dec. 31, '02
Thos. Rome, Grimsby, Dec. 31, '02
W. J. Reid, Beamsville, Dec. 31, '02

Extraordinary Business Increase.

The subscription receipts of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal have grown to such an enormous extent that the publishers have been forced to discontinue all soliciting for new subscribers during December and confine all their energies to the handling of renewal subscriptions. It is said the demand from new subscribers to get on the Family Herald's mailing lists have made it absolutely necessary to suspend the soliciting of new business and accept only renewals and new subscriptions that are sent in unsolicited. The immense improvements in the agricultural columns of that paper are the direct cause of such an unusual demand from new subscribers.

The Independent and the Farm Girl's Sun.

There are excellent agricultural papers in Canada and there are other papers which furnish interesting comment on political and current events in general. There is but one paper which combines both departments and to both reaches the highest possible standard of merit. This paper is The Star. On the first page of that journal is given a survey by Rynders, of sections of world wide interest together with editorial comment on Canadian politics in office, those more particularly affecting the farmers profiting the

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You can secure THE SIX and THE INDEPENDENT for \$1.75 from now to the end of 1903.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOMINATION MEETING
No. 4, County Council Division,
County of Lincoln.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act 1898 at Brant's Hall, Smithville, on Monday the twenty-second day of December, 1902, between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillor for the No. 4, County Council Division of the county of Lincoln.

If more candidates are nominated than are required to be elected the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling sub-divisions within the said district on Monday the fifth day of January 1903.

W. J. WARNER,
Nominating Officer.
Dated the 2nd day of December, 1902.

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Horse Blankets, unlined, 60 and 75s.
Horse Blankets, lined, \$1.00.
Horse Blankets, Dutch Kersey, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.
Air Tight Stoves, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5.00.
Ranges, 12 pieces, \$1.00.
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The pick of the season just in, newest styles, desirable for house and evening wear.

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Buried Side by Side.

The Bodies of Harry M. Bready, Gertrude Hainer and Maud Hughes will rest side by side in Queen's Lawn Cemetery.

An Immense Concurrence of People Gather to Pay their Last Respects to the Dead.

The funerals of the three victims of the accident at the G. T. R. Station on the night of Sunday, Dec. 7th, took place on Thursday afternoon last from the Methodist Church. The whole town had been in mourning for the week and never has there been such an exhibition of sympathy and heartfelt sorrow as was exhibited by the enormous concourse of people, who came together on Thursday last to show respect and to perform the last sad rites to the three young people who were so suddenly and terribly snatched from our midst.

Early on the morning of Thursday the three caskets which had become mounds of flowers were removed from the town hall and placed in front of the pulpit of the Methodist Church. The church was not draped in any way excepting the pulpits people's sorrow and affection, taking flowers as the emblem of their mourning, and no more beautiful sight could be witnessed than the banks of flowers that covered and surrounded the caskets.

Never was there such a crowd of people together in Grimsby to pay respect to the dead. The hour of the service was set for two o'clock and long before that time the body of the church was filled to the doors. The aisle and vestibules was also crowded to over flowing.

The casket containing the remains of Miss Maud Hughes stood a little to one side of the pulpit in front. The casket containing all that was mortal of Miss Gertrude Hainer occupied a similar position on the other side, while the casket containing the remains of Harry M. Bready stood higher on the platform in the centre.

The floral offerings were most beautiful and none could scarcely be found for them on and around the caskets. The Village Council placed a large pillow of most beautiful flowers on each casket. The 19th. Regiment, of St. Catharines, of which Harry M. Bready was a member, sent a beautiful design in the shape of the letter "A" Harry being a member of Company "A." Bands of boys and girls around the village who had been on intimate terms with the deceased, clubbed together, and bought wreaths, pillows, crosses and crements and floral designs of all kinds and placed them upon the caskets. Religious societies also sent beautiful floral designs as well as many friends of the families. Private individuals also, who were not related, showed their deep sympathy by sending beautiful flowers, so that although the death of the young people was sudden and tragic all that could be possibly done to remove the sting was done by kind and sympathetic friends in preparing the bodies for burial.

The services in the church were conducted by Rev. W. F. Hollinshead, Rev. A. B. Cohen and Rev. John Muir. Rev. A. B. Cohen delivering the funeral address. It was a most trying position for Mr. Cohen, the three young people having attended his church on Sunday evening and five minutes after leaving the church door had been ushered into eternity. His remarks were most beautiful, forcible and suitable to the occasion and they will no doubt leave a lasting impression on many a mind.

The music was provided by a large choir picked from all the village churches, Mrs. W. Mitchell presiding.

THE INQUIRER

Dr. Goodman and the twelve jurors completed the inquest on Thursday morning, Dec. 11th, and the jury re-

turned their verdict. A large number of witnesses were examined and their evidences put in brief, were:

First.—That the bodies of Harry M. Bready, Gertrude Hainer and Maud Hughes were found on the south track of the G. T. Railroad in the station yard at Grimsby, on Sunday night, Dec. 7th, about 10:30.

Second.—That the three young people came to their death by being struck by the west bound express, which passed through the station at 8:35.

Third.—That at the same time or a few moments sooner a freight train passed east on the north track.

Fourth.—That the last son of the young people was about one or two minutes before the accident, when they were seen about fifty yards from the track on Depot street by Jas. Blair, they were then going north towards the tracks.

Fifth.—According to the evidence of all the train hands the usual signals were given for the station and the crossing, and that no one of the train hands, not even the engineer of the express had seen anyone, either around or on the crossing.

Sixth.—That the crossing at the G. T. R. Station in Grimsby is a most dangerous one and in the opinion of many witnesses should have a night watchman or gates.

JURY'S VERDICT.

That Miss M. Hughes, Miss Gertrude Hainer and Mr. H. M. Bready came to their death on the evening of Sunday, the 7th Dec. 1902, at the Depot street crossing of the G. T. R. in the Village of Grimsby, at 8:35 p.m., by being struck by the Locomotive of the west bound express, No. 17 of the G. T. R.

The Jury further find that the fatality was due to culpable neglect of the authorities or the G. T. R. Co. in not providing gates or night watchman, and lights at the said crossing, to safeguard the lives of people using the thoroughfare, on which 5 tracks of the said Railroad are now laid.

The Jury are of the opinion that the Legislative and Municipal representatives of the County of Lincoln should

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The council adjourned.

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take immediate steps to compel the G. T. R. authorities to adopt proper precautionary measures to prevent the occurrence of similar fatalities in the future.

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The most handsome dressed windows that Grimsby's shoppers have ever been favored with seeing, in this town, are those at the Central Store. The two day goods windows are dressed in a manner that would do credit, not only to Hamilton or Toronto window dresser, but that would attract attention in Montreal, Philadelphia, or even New York. Mr. M. Pecor certainly deserves great praise for the artistic work in those windows. Mr. Hawks is to be congratulated that one of his stores is able to make a shop front look so very attractive.

The grocery windows, dressed by Mr. Stuts, are also very fine, and while it is not possible to make as handsome a window with groceries as dry goods, yet, Mr. Stuts deserves credit for the handsome display of good things which he sets forth in the grocery windows.

North Grimsby Council.

North Grimsby Council met in the town hall on Monday, Dec. 16th, 1902 at 11 a.m. Reeve Thomas W. Allan in the chair, Councillors Bannister, Hager, Nelles and Walker present.

Motions of last meeting read and adopted.

Road Commissioner Hurst for the east, and Road Commissioner Walker for the west handed in their reports.

A By-law appointing places and the returning officers for the election was passed. The polling places and nomination places will be as usual. The returning officers will be John Kerman at Grimsby Park, and Chas. R. Hockey at Dr. Alway's school house.

A number of assessments were passed including \$11.24 the townships share of the new table placed in the town hall by W. Forbes.

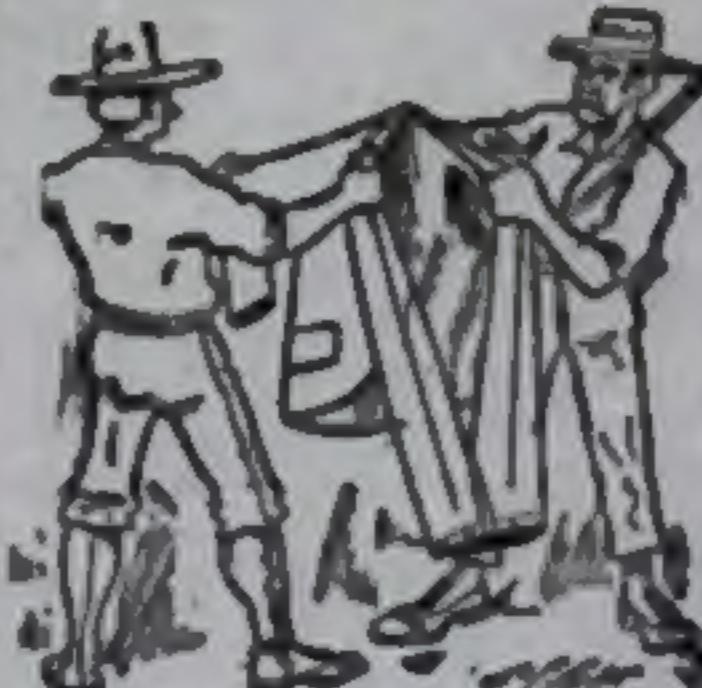
The council adjourned.

Notice to Fruit Growers.

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"Tell me this," she said, leaning forward, putting one hand on my shoulder, while she seemed to look through the very soul of me—her face grow deadly pale, and her lips trembled, as I'd seen them do once before when she was regular beyond herself—will you take me with you when you go for good and all? I'm ready to follow you round the world. Don't be afraid of my temper. No woman that ever lived ever did more for the man she loved than I'll do for you. If Jeanie's good to Jim—and you know she is—I'll be twice the woman to you, or I'll die for it. Don't speak I," she went on; "I know I threw you over once. I was mad with rage and shame. You know I had cause, hadn't I, Dick? You know I had. To spite you, I throw away my own life then; now it's a misery and a torment to me every day I live. I can bear it no longer, I tell you. It's killing me—killing me day by day. Only say the word, and I'll join you in Melbourne within a week—to be yours, and yours only, as long as I live."

I didn't think there was that much of the loving nature about her. She used to vex me by being hard and uncertain when we were courting. I knew then she cared about me, and I hadn't a thought about any other woman. Now when I didn't ask her to bother herself about me, and only to let me alone and go her own way, she must turn the tables on me, and want to ruin the pair of us slap over again. She'd thrown her arms round my neck and was sobbing on my shoulder when she finished. I took her over to the sofa, and made her sit down by the side of me.

"Kate," I said, "this won't do. There's neither rhyme nor reason about it. I'm as fond of you as ever I was, but you must know well enough if you make a bolt of it now there'll be no end of a bother, and everybody's thoughts will be turned our way. We'll be clean bowled—the lot of us. Jim and I will be jugged. You and Jeanie will be left to the mercy of the world, worse off by a precious sight than ever you were in your lives. Now, if you look at it, what's the good of spoiling the whole jingibang for a fancy notion about me? You and I are safe to be first-rate friends always, but it will be the ruin of both of us if we're fool enough to want to be more. You've got a good husband, that's proud of you and gives you everything you can think of. You took him yourself, and you're bound to stick to him. Besides, think of poor Jeanie and Jim. You'll spoil all their happiness; and, more than all—don't make any mistake—you know what Jeanie thinks of a woman who leaves her husband for another man."

If you let a woman have a regular good cry and talk herself out, you can mostly bring her round in the end. So after a bit Kate grew more reasonable. That bit about Jeanie fetched her too. She knew her own sister would turn against her—not harsh like, but she'd never be the same to her again as long as she lived.

The lamp had been put out in the big hall. There was only one in this parlour, and it wasn't over bright. I talked away, and last of all she came round to my way of thinking; at any rate not in want to clear off from the old man now, but to wait till I came back, or till I wrote to her.

"You are right, Dick," she said at last, "and you show your sense in talking the way you have; though, if you loved as I do, you could not do it. But, once more, there's no other woman that you're fonder of than me! It isn't that that makes you so good! Dick Marston good! and here she laughed bitterly. 'If I thought that I should go mad!'

What was I to do? I could not tell her that I loved Gracey Storefield ten times as much as I'd ever cheated myself into thinking I cared about her. So I swore that I cared more for her than any woman in the whole world, and always had done so.

This steadied her. We parted good friends, and she promised to keep quiet and try and make the best of things. She turned up the lamp to show me the way out, though the outer door of the hall was left open night and day. It was a way we had at the Taron; no one troubled

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themselves to be particular about such trifles as furniture and so on. There was very little small robbery there: it was not worth while. All petty stealers were most severely punished into the bargain. As I stood up to say good-bye a small note dropped out of my breast-pocket. It had shifted somehow. Kate always had an eye like an hawk. With one spring she pounced upon it, and before I could interfere opened and read it! It was Gracey Storefield's. She stood for one moment and glared in my face. I thought she had gone mad. Then she threw the bit of paper down and trampled upon it, over and over again.

"So, Dick Marston," she cried out harshly, her very voice chang'd, "you have tricked me a second time! Your own Gracey! your own Gracey! and this, by the date, at the very time you were letting me persuade myself, like a fool, like an idiot that I was, that you still care for me! You have put the cap to your villainy now. And, as God made me, you shall have cause—good cause—to fear the woman you have once betrayed and twice scorned. Look to yourself."

She gazed at me for a moment with a face from which every trace of expression had vanished, except that of the most devilish fury and spite—the face of an evil spirit more than of a woman; and then she walked slowly away. I couldn't help pitying her, though I cursed my own folly, as I had done a thousand times, that I had ever turned my head or spoken a word to her when first she crossed my path. I got into the street somehow; I hardly knew what to think or to do. That danger was close at our heels I didn't doubt for a moment. Everything seemed changed in a minute. What was going to happen? Was it the snout Dick Marston that had been strolling up Main Street a couple of hours ago? All but off by the to-morrow evening's coach, and with all the world before me, a good round sum in the bank, best part of a year's hard, honest work it was the price of, too.

Then all kinds of thoughts came into my head. Would Kate, when her burst of rage was over, go in for revenge in cold blood? She could hardly strike me out at the same time hurting Jeanie through Jim. Should I trust her? Would she come right, kiss and make friends, and call herself a madwoman—a reckless fool—as she'd often done before? No; she was in bitter earnest this time. It did not pay to be slack in making off. Once we had been caught napping, and once was enough.

The first thing to do was to warn Jim—poor old Jim, snoring away, most like, and dreaming of taking the box-seat for himself and Jeanie at the agent's next morning. It seemed cruel to wake him, but it would have been crueler not to do so.

I walked up the narrow track that led up to the little gully with the moon shining down upon the white quartz rock.

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The pathway wound through a "bowl" of it. I threw a pebble at the door and waited till Jim came out.

"Who's there? Oh! It's you, old man, is it? It's rather late for a call; but I've come to spend the evening. I'll get up, and we'll have a smoke, anyhow."

"You dress yourself, Jim," I said, "as quickly as you can. Put on your hat and come with me; there's something up."

"My God!" says Jim, "what is it? I'm a rank coward now I've got Jeanie. Don't go and tell me we've got to cut and run again."

"Something like it," I said. "It hasn't come to that yet, it's not far off."

We walked up the gully together. Jim lit his pipe while I told him shortly what had happened to me with Kate.

"May the devil fly away with her!" said Jim savagely, "for a bad-minded, bad-hearted jade; and then he'd wish he'd left her where she was. She'd be no chop-down there even. I think sometimes she isn't Jeanie's sister at all. They must have changed her, and mothered the wrong child on the old woman. My word! but it's no laughing matter. What's to be done?"

"There's no going away by the coach tomorrow, I'm afraid. She's just the mother to tear straight up the camp and let it all out before her temper cooled. It would take a week to do that. The sergeant or Sir Ferdinand knows all about it now. They'll lose no time, you may be certain."

"And must I leave without saying good-night to Jeanie?" says Jim. "No, by—If I have half-a-dozen bullets through me, I'll go back and hold her in my arms once more before I'm hunted off and through the country like a wild dog once more. If that infernal Kate has given us away, by George, I could go and kill her with my own hand! The cruel, murdering, scifflish brute, I believe she'd poison her mother for a ten-pound note!"

"No use swearing at Kate, Jim," I said; "that won't mend matters. It's not the first time by a thousand that I've wished I'd never set eyes on her; but if I'd never seen her that day on St. Kilda beach you'd never known Jeanie. So there's even as well as odds. The thing is, what are we to do now?"

"Dashed if I know. I feel stupid about tackling the bush again; and what can I do with Jeanie? I wish I was dead. I've half a mind to go and shoot that brute of a woman and then myself. But then, poor Jeanie! poor little Jeanie! I can't stand it, Dick; I shall go mad!"

I thought Jim was going to break out crying just as he used when he was a boy. His heart was a big soft one; and though he could face anything in the way of fighting that a man dare do, and do two men's share very like, yet his tears, mother said, laid very near his eyes, and till he was a grown man they used to pump up on all sorts of occasions.

"Come, be a man, Jim," I said, "we've got to look the thing in the face; there's no two ways about it. I shall go to Arizona Bill's claim and see what he says."

"Anyhow I'll leave word with him what to do when we're gone. I'd advise you not to try to see Jeanie; but if you will you must, I suppose. Good-bye, old man. I shall make my way over to Jonathan's, borrow a horse from him, and make tracks for the Hollow as soon as I can. You'd better leave Jeanie here and do the same."

Jim groaned, but said nothing. He wrung my hands till the bones seemed to crack, and walked away without a word.

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This camp was half a mile from ours, and there was a bit of broken ground between, so that I thought I was safe in having a word with them before I cleared for Barnes's place, though I took care not to go near our own camp but. I walked over, and was making straight for the smallest hut, when a rough voice hailed me.

"Hello! stranger, ye came darned near going to h—l with your boots on. What did ye want agin that cabin?"

I saw then that in my hurry I had gone stumbling against a small hut where they generally put their gold when the party had been washing up and had more than was safe to start from camp with. In this they always put a grizzled old hunter, about whom the yarn was that he never went to sleep, and could shoot anything a mile off. It was thought a very unlikely thing that any gold he watched would ever go crooked. Most people considered him a dead safer caretaker than the mount.

"Oh! it's you, is it?" drawled Barnes. "Sister! Why, what's doing at your old camp?"

"What about?" said I.

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